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FIRST MESSAGE EVER SENT OVER THE DESERET LINES.

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, Utah Terr.,
December 1st, 1866.

*To President Lorin Farr, and Bishop Chauncey W. West, Ogden,
and the Saints in the northern country who gave up freely when
called upon, Greeting:*

In my heart I dedicate the line which is now completed, and being completed, to the Lord God of Israel, whom we serve, and for the building up of His Kingdom, praying that this and all other improvements may contribute to our benefit and the glory of God, until we can waft ourselves by the power of the Almighty from world to world to our fullest satisfaction.

BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Sent by John C. Clowes at 5 p. m., and received by Jos. A. West.

ANSWER TO FIRST MESSAGE SENT BY PRESIDENT
BRIGHAM YOUNG.

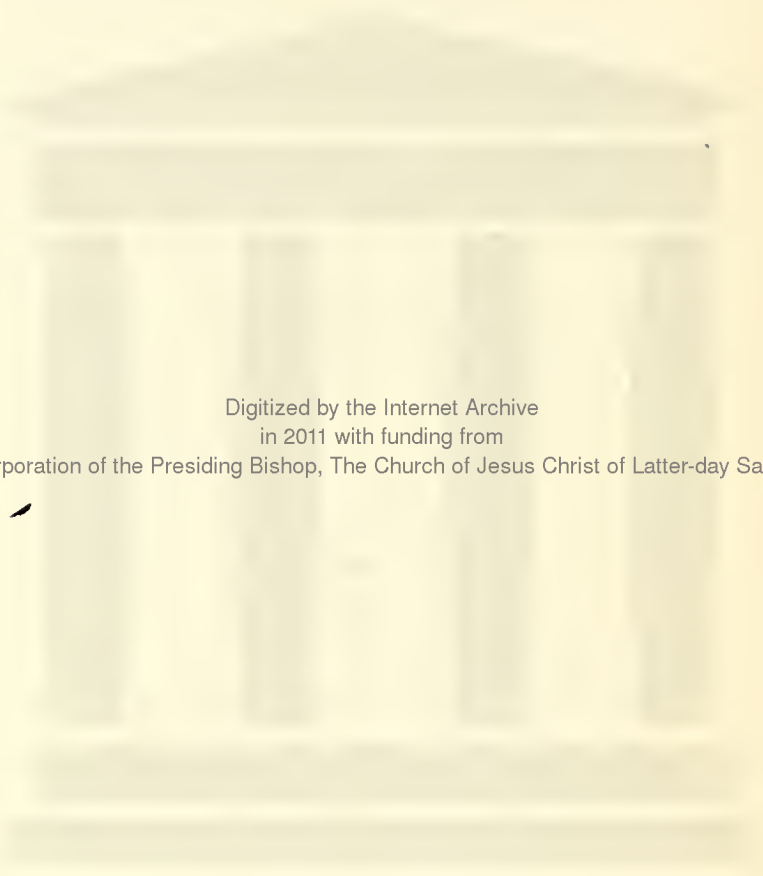
OGDEN, U., December 1st, 1866.

To President Brigham Young:

From our hearts we say "Amen!" to the dedication which you have just uttered, and we congratulate you as the great mover of this enterprise, on its successful accomplishment thus far, considering it as one of the great helps in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We trust that not only will the Saints who have contributed to this great work continue their efforts, but others will also assist in developing other improvements for the benefit of God's work. May you live long to comfort the Saints and by their integrity be comforted.

LORIN FARR,
CHAUNCEY W. WEST.

Sent by J. A. West; received by J. C. Clowes.



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